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1. UNFORTUNATELY WE DO NOT FIND STATEMENT OF "AMBASSADOR'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" IN REFTEL AS USEFUL AS EARLIER GUIDANCE (1977 STATE 158604) SETTING FORTH US INTERESTS AND OBJECTIVES IN NETHERLANDS. ALTHOUGH NEW STATEMENT APPARENTLY DREW HEAVILY ON LATTER, WE ARE STRUCK BY SOME OMISSIONS AND CHANGES THAT WE BELIEVE MERIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION. OUR PREFERENCE IS TO RETAIN PREVIOUS TEXT IN ITS ENTIRETY. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WE URGE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW TEXT IN LIGHT OF FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

2. UNDER HEADING "I. MAINTENANCE OF DUTCH CONTRIBUTION TO NATO" WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND ORDER OF SUBHEADS WHICH DO NOT APPEAR TO BE ARRANGED ACCORDING TO THEIR IMPORTANCE. WE QUESTION INCLUSION OF SUBHEAD "ENDORSE THE MAINTENANCE OF AN EFFICIENT INTERNAL SECURITY SERVICE." CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF THIS DUTCH SERVICE IS NOT AT ISSUE: FOR US IMPORTANT ELEMENT IS AS FORMULATED IN 1977 STATE 158604 "CONTINUATION OF US-DUTCH SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE INTELLIGENCE FIELD."

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3. WE BELIEVE OBJECTIVE "COORDINATION OF ILLICIT NARCOTICS CONTROL" SHOULD BE RETAINED, GIVEN NETHERLANDS PROMINENCE AS TRAFFICKING CENTER. HERE OUR GOAL REMAINS TO "HELP THE DUTCH DISRUPT THEIR MARKET FOR ILLICIT DRUGS SO THAT LESS REACH AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE AND NO MAJOR LINK IS ESTABLISHED WITH ORGANIZED CRIME IN THE US."

4. WE MISS ANY MENTION OF "CONTINUED PROGRESSIVE DUTCH ROLE IN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY" AND STRONG US INTEREST IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. IN THIS CONNECTION WE FIND UNNECESSARILY LIMITING LANGUAGE IN IIN SUBPARA 5, WHICH SUGGESTS IT IS ONLY DUTCH ROLE WITIN EC ON THIRD WORLD ISSUES WHICH IS BASIS FOR OUT ENCOURAGING DUTCH COOPERATION ON VARIETY OF ECONOMIC AND THIRD WORLD ISSUES. WE MAKE EQUALLY CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF DUTCH INFLUENCE ON THESE MATTERS IN HOST OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY UNITED NATIONS.

5. THERE SHOULD BE A SEPARAATE OBJECTIVE RELATING TO PROTECTION OF U.S. CITIZENS AND U.S. PROPERTY. IF ULTIMATE INTENTION IS ZERO BASE BUDGETING SUCH A PARAGRAPH WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO JUSTIFY EXPENDITURES FOR MAINTENANCE AND POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF CONSULATES IN AMSTERDAM AND ROTTERDAM.

6. FINALLY WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IN SOME CASES FORMULATION IN 1977 STATE 295589 TENDS TO BLUR DISTINCTION BETWEEN ACTUAL OBJECTIVES AND MEANS FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT. WE URGE DEPARTMENT REVIEW ITS TEXT AGAINST THIS COMMENT.
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